

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 5-10 as being anticipated by Komaki which was filed June 18, 1999, which is *after* the 371 date of PCT/JP98/05411 from which the parent application Serial No. 09/600,703 claims priority. The 371 date of PCT/JP98/05411 is December 1, 1998. Thus, Komaki is *not* prior art. A certified English translation of PCT/JP98/05411 is enclosed herewith.

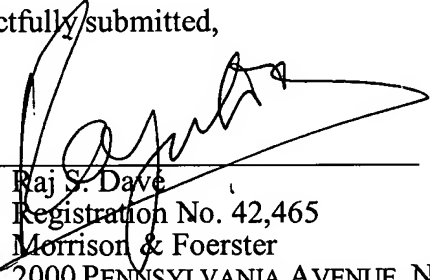
An allowance of claims 5-10 is respectfully solicited.

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